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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE IFIS

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1. ECON COUNSELOR INFORMED MINFINANCE JOINT SECRETARY
JUNEJA OF THE DESIRE OF US DEL TO ADB MEETING TO HOLD
SEPARATE BILATERAL IN WHIH IT WOULD DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE. JOINT SECRETARY SAIGAL, WHO WAS PRESENT COINCIDENTALLY
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(SAIGAL HANDLES WORLD BANK WHILE JUNEJA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
ADB INTER ALIA), SAID THAT MATTER HAD ALREADY COME UP IN
WORLD BANK CONTEXT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF LETTER FROM US
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MCNAMARA. SAIGAL UNDERSTOOD MCNAMARA
TO HAVE REPLIED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF RECIPIENT
GOVERNMENTS WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH BANK COULD NOT
APPROPRIATELY DEAL WITH.

2. SUMMING UP THE ATTITUDE OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, SAIGAL SAID THAT IT AGREED WITH THE PREISE THAT THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES PROVIDED THROUGH THE BANK AND OTHER IFI'S SHOULD REACH AND BENEFIT THE POOREST PEOPLE. BUT THE BEHAVIOR OF THE COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE A CRITERION. GOI HAD NOT YET ADOPTED A FORMAL POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, SAIGAL SAID, BUT IS REFLECTED ITS CURRENT THINKING.

3. GOI OFFICIALS SAID THAT EITHER MANMOHAN SINGH, MINFINANCE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, OR JUNEJA WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE US TEAM IN VIENNA. THEY FELT THAT GOI VIEWS WERE CLEAR ENOUGH THAT THE PRESENCE OF AN INDIAN OFFICIAL SPECIALIZING IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD WAS NOT NECESSARY. GOHEEN

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